

(WASHINGTON, DC) - U.S. Representative Chet Edwards has secured \$500,000 under the final 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill and an additional \$67,000 under the final 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill to protect Lake Granbury water quality. Both bills passed the House with strong bipartisan votes and are expected to pass the Senate, and be signed into law by the president.

*"Lake Granbury is a tremendous asset for the city of Granbury and for all of Hood County, and I believe protecting the water quality in the lake is key to protecting quality of life, property values, and economic development in the greater Granbury area," said Edwards, a senior member of the Appropriations Committee. "I am gratified that these funds will help continue the important work already underway at Lake Granbury. Protecting Lake Granbury is crucial to the future investment in the area and I am proud to work with local officials on this important project ."*

The nearly \$600,000 total for Lake Granbury secured by Edwards in the final 2010 bills will be used to find solutions to golden algae blooms, which have been responsible for reduced water quality and fish kills in the lake. The U.S Army Corps of Engineers will use these funds to test treatment options at the lake, supplementing efforts by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) at Texas A&M University and Baylor University, who are working with the Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI), Texas Cooperative Extension, Brazos River Authority (BRA), and local Granbury officials to address the golden algae problem.

The funds will also be used to develop a long term plan to protect water quality in Lake Granbury. Including the 2010 funds, Edwards has now secured a total of \$2.2 million for the project to improve Lake Granbury water quality since 2005.

Edwards is vice chair of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, and was a member of the House-Senate conference committee that wrote the final 2010 bill.